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SOONER GROUP NOT HARD TO FIND STORY TOLD IN LETTERS FOUR FEET HIGH

Visitors to Tinker and the 937th Troop Carrier Group's hangar will be greeted in the future by a new sign painted on the North outside wall of Building 1030.

The sign reads, "Home of the 937th Sooner Group," and is painted in letters about 4 feet tall for easy reading at long ranges.

Members of the civil engineering section accomplished the task during the April UTA.

**Y'ALL COME!!! BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY
937th TO CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY MAY 15**

More than 1,500 are expected to turn out for the annual open house picnic set for Saturday of the May UTA.

The special day features western music, sky-diving, "kiddie programs," good food and a drill presentation by the Oklahoma State University Capettes, an all girl organization.

"Hang on to your meal ticket," says Sgt. James Huckleberry, head of the planning committee. "It may be your lucky number for the door prizes to be given away throughout the day."

Members of the 937th will sign form 40's regularly as well as sign out at the proper time. Members who do not bring their families with them as they come to the UTA, will be permitted to go after them about 9:30 hours that morning.

Col. Huff, 937th Commander, will kick off the day's events with a welcome address at 11:30 hours. A schedule of activities for the picnic is listed elsewhere in this issue of Sooner News.

A drawing will be held for two 20-inch bikes which will be given away during the afternoon activities. Prizes will be given to winners of the turtle race.

**SEE FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS ON NEXT PAGE!**



THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

I would like to extend greetings to the families of members of the 937th Troop Carrier Group who are in attendance at our annual family day celebration.

I hope I get to greet each one of you personally and I'm looking forward to the 15th of May.

The purpose of this day is twofold. First, it gives you family members an opportunity to see where your husband, father or son works and, secondly, it lets each of us show our thanks for your understanding of the need for your loved ones to devote time away from the home to keep their military skills up should defense of our country become necessary.

These are critical times and right now aircraft of this unit are hauling supplies into Southeast Asia in support of our active forces. We are proud of our contribution throughout the world and you family members should share our pride.

I hope you enjoy your day with "your" unit. Many people have worked long and hard to make this function a success. It's a privilege to have you all as guests of the 937th Sooner Group, the outstanding group in the Reserve Program.

0800 hours-11:30 static display of aircraft-coffee and doughnuts will be served in the mess hall. During this time the members of the 937th will be permitted to go home and get their families if they did not bring them earlier.

11:30 Col. Huff welcome address at the picnic grounds.

11:40 parachute jump by the Sooner Skydivers (Lunch will be served starting at this time).

12:00 exhibition of Oklahoma City police K-9 police dogs.

12:30 Capettes of OSU drill performance.

1:00 Dan Combs of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol-fast draw demonstration.

Foreman Scotty will meet the visiting youngsters. Feeding lines will close.

1:30 Western band will begin to play.

2:00 Frontier City gun fighters. Ho-Ho the Clown will begin mixing with kids.

2:30 Square dancers exhibition.

2:45 Drawing for bicycle.

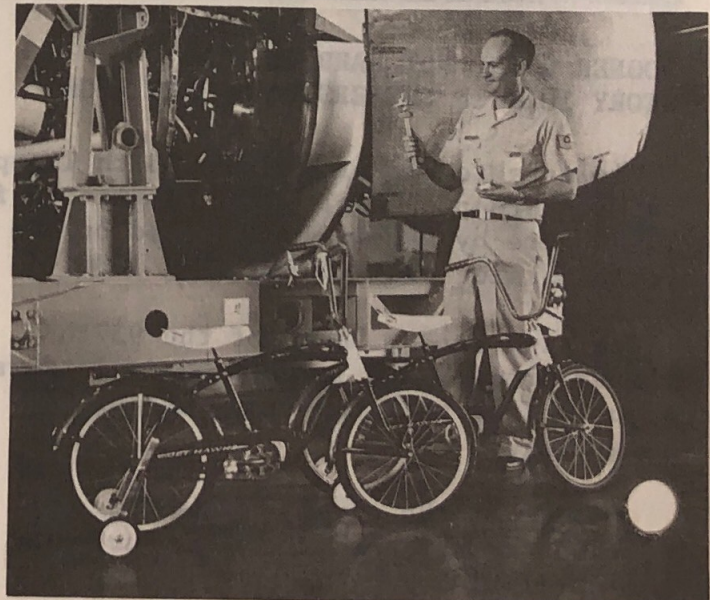
3:00 Turtle races- (Ho-Ho the clown will judge contest) Band will resume play.

3:30 Turtle winners will be awarded prizes.

4:45 sign-out on hanger floor.

(Bad weather schedule will be similar and held in the 937th hanger).

The prizes displayed here by MSgt James Huckleberry will be given away during the Family Day and Open House May 15.



SOONER LOADMASTER CAN'T BELIEVE HIS EYES
FIRST TIME OUT HE HAULS GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS

"This is my first load, and man what a load."

Airman Francis L. Beavers, got his flying career as a loadmaster off the ground in March by transporting 30 Oklahoma State University coeds to Homestead AFB, Fla.

Quite a start for a loadmaster with the 937th Troop Carrier Group, but it actually happened and the girls were the hit of the show at Homestead's Open House where they performed before more than 5,000 Floridians.

The girls, named Capettes, are members of the Stillwater Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol and also comprise the only female drill team in the nation made up of senior members of CAP.

Following their 25 minute performance on Sunday, March 21, the girls met the famed Air Force Thunderbirds. Six girls got the pleasure of escorting the pilots to their aircraft before takeoff.

When the Thunderbird demonstration was over, the Capettes rejoined the 937th crew for the trip back to Tinker.

Once again, Loadmaster Beavers had the task of adjusting souvenirs, luggage, cameras and the 30 coeds in the huge C-124

Although it was a lot of extra work for the new loadmaster on his maiden flight, he "kinda volunteered" for the mission when he heard the "cargo" was going to be girls.

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REMEMBER - FAMILY DAY MAY 15

PARKING PROBLEMS BECOME MORE ACUTE AS SOONER GROUP NEARS 100% STRENGTH

As the 937th Sooner Group nears the 100% mark in manning strength, it becomes obvious that the parking situation on UTA weekends will become critical.

In order to facilitate parking during the morning arrival time the Air Police Section will have several Air Policemen posted at various strategic positions to direct traffic to available parking areas.

During inclement weather an area East of Building 1030 will be utilized.

It should be remembered that the parking lots nearest the hangar is reserved for officers and airmen with the rank of E-7 and above. The lot is unassigned except for the specially marked areas assigned to individuals by name or rank.

Air Police will direct all traffic during the morning rush hours. Follow instructions given. Any disagreements should be handled with the Air Police officer after you have parked your car.

A reminder: Base police are ticketing cars parked on grassy areas located next to roads and authorized parking areas. Do not park in any area not specifically marked as a parking lot.



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937th FLYING SQUADRON WINS SAFETY AWARDS TAYLOR ACCEPTS TROPHIES AT APRIL MEETING

Two flight safety awards were won by the 937th's flying squadron recently and presented to Lt. Col. Dexter Taylor, Commander 305th TCS, during the April UTA commander's call.

One was for five years of accident free flying and the second award was for 1964's perfect year.

The plaque for the five year award is built so it will accept yearly awards and the 1964 award presented to Taylor was for the unit's sixth straight year without a flying accident.

THE CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

Chaplain Arthur A. Preisinger

There seems to be a dangerous feeling of apathy pervading our society today. The causes of this apathy and indifference are many and varied. Perhaps it is the wealth and affluence to which we are gradually becoming accustomed. Perhaps it is the increase of leisure time. Perhaps it is fear--particularly fear of the future. International tensions and problems, which the individual finds impossible to resolve, tend to make us retreat behind the subterfuge of cynicism and apathy. So gigantic are the problems that we often turn away from them with an indifferent "I could care less!"

The danger, of course, is that we can lose our sense of personhood or identity if we continually smother our lives with a blanket of indifference. In other words, each of us must, of necessity, have a "cause" or "causes" to which we can devote his energy, intellectual capabilities, moral sense, and spiritual vitality. No one likes a fanatic, true. But the pendulum seems to have swung too far in the other direction. Many people seem to feel that there are no worthwhile "causes" at all.

On the contrary, however, there are many magnificent "causes" which are

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SOONER AIRMEN TAKE TO AIR ON ORIENTATION FOR SOME IT'S FIRST TIME IN AIR!!

Several members of the 937th Troop Carrier Group got their first look inside the unit's aircraft in specially conducted orientation flights during the April UTA.

Two different flights carrying airmen took jaunts lasting about 1½ hours over South-eastern Oklahoma.

About 80 airmen made the trips and for some it was their first experience with the huge transport aircraft. For some, it was also the first time they had encountered flying sickness.



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worth the devotion of the person who feels himself being gradually dragged down into the depths of apathy. Life need not be the dull, routine, meaningless thing it has been for many people. It can be a tremendous adventure, worthy of the best effort put into it, if one's eyes are not blinded by indifference and one's perspective is not misguided by apathy.

Surely, the defense of this nation is a worthy "cause". To this we are dedicated as citizen-soldiers. Or, at least, we should be. Aside from other considerations that may prompt you to drag out of bed on Saturday and Sunday mornings of UTAs (and there are, admittedly, other considerations: money, sociability, fringe benefits, etc.) think of a great cause you are serving: National Defense.

OJT INFORMATION

The Air Force Specialty Knowledge Test will be administered in the following career fields during the May UTA. Airmen will be tested in Classroom Nr 1 at 0800 hours, Sunday, 16 May 1965.

3-Level: Any career field.

5 and 7-Level: 36, 42, 43, 63, 64, 71, 90 and 98.

The AFSKT will be administered during the June UTA in the following career fields: 20, 24, 27, 29, 31, 46, 47, 54, 56, 60, 62 and 73.

There will be no OJT Supervisor's Meeting this UTA but all units having CDC's are expected to utilize all available time in the preparation of their job proficiency guides in their OJT program.

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING-SUNDAY 16 MAY 65

All personnel who had birthdays in either January, February or March, and did not take their Physical Fitness test during the April UTA are required to take their test during the May UTA.

The test will be given on the hangar floor as scheduled below:

16 May 1965

1330 hours, 18-24 years old
1400 hours, 25-29 years old
1430 hours, 30-34 years old
1500 hours, 35-39 years old
1530 hours, 40-44 years old
1600 hours, 45 years and above

FIRING RANGE QUALIFICATION

Base range facilities will be utilized during the May UTA in accordance with schedule outlined in the Six Month's Training Plan, with the exception of Saturday, 15 May. All units will assure that their personnel report to the range accordingly. As of 1 January 1965, all personnel are required to requalify during the calendar year. Three (3) orders will be fired: 0830 hours, 1000 hours, and 1300 hours, 16 May 65.

FORMATIONS-SUNDAY 16 MAY 65

There will be a 937 Combat Support Squadron formation at 0800 hours, 16 May 1965, on the east ramp, Bldg 1030. There will be a 937 Materiel Squadron formation at 0800 hours, 16 May 1965, on the north ramp, Bldg 1030.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Everyone will be expected to attend summer encampment 31 July through 14 August this year. Anyone who needs excused and feels they can justify their absence should contact Sgt Melton in the Personnel section on Sunday morning of the May UTA.

The Regular Air Force has stepped up their prior service recruiting program and have added many new AFSC's. If you are interested in recall to EAD through

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the regular Air Force, up to the highest rank held in the regular Air Force, contact Sgt Kilgore in the Personnel section or you may call the recruiting office at CE 6-2311, Ext 218.

DECALS

Those personnel who applied for decals during the April UTA may obtain them from the Air Police section during this UTA.

OFFICERS LUNCHEON-SUNDAY 16 MAY 65

There will be an officer's call and luncheon in the Officer's Club from 1200-1300 hours, Sunday 16 May 65.

BILLETING INFORMATION

The Tinker AFB Billeting Office is reserving a number of spaces for our reservists who need to live on base during the UTAs. If you intend to live on base during the UTA you will need to make your reservations before 1700 hours on Saturday of each UTA.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MAY UTA**SATURDAY:**

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| 0730 - 0800 | Sign Form 40s | 937 CSS & Mat Sq on Hangar Floor |
| | | All others in Unit Orderly Room |
| 0800 - 1645 | Open House | See page 2 for activity schedule |

SUNDAY:

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| 0730 - 0800 | Sign Form 40s | 937 CSS & Mat Sq on Hangar Floor |
| | | All others in Unit Orderly Room |
| 0800 | Formations | 937 CSS - East Ramp |
| | | 937 Mat Sq - North Ramp |
| | AFSKT Testing | For 3, 5 & 7 level in Classroom 1. |
| 0830 | Firing Range Qual | First Sgt's will detail personnel to range |
| 1000 | Firing Range Qual | " " " " " " |
| 1200 | Officers Call and Luncheon - Officers Club | |
| 1300 - 1600 | Immunizations | Hangar Floor, See Bulletin Board for roster |
| 1330 | Firing Range Qual | First Sgt's will detail personnel to range |
| 1330 - 1600 | Physical Fitness Testing | - Hangar Floor, See article for age group times. |